AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated hereafter (where underlining "_" denotes additions and strikethrough "-" denotes deletions).

Claims:

1. (Currently Amended)   A method for selectively applying a delivery notification option to an email comprising:

listing email addresses;

selecting a plurality of said email addresses in the course of composing an email message;

maintaining a first list for a first type of delivery notification option and a second list for a second type of delivery notification option;

selectively applying the delivery notification option to one or more, but not all, of said plurality of email addresses;

moving each of the one or more email addresses with a delivery notification option applied to it into the first list, second list, or both lists corresponding to the selected delivery notification option; and

sending the email to said plurality of email addresses.

2. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

  displaying an address book with the listed email addresses;

  setting a flag indicating that more than one address has been chosen;

  displaying an email delivery notification options selection window if said flag is set wherein the email delivery notification options selection window permits selective application of at least one of delivery confirmation and return receipt;

  selectively applying more than one delivery notification option to one or more, but not all, of said plurality of email addresses;

  saving a configuration of delivery notification option settings that is associated with a first set of addresses;

  matching a second set of addresses with the first set of addresses and automatically setting delivery notification options saved with respect to the first set of addresses;

  selecting the delivery notification option from the options of delivery confirmation and return receipt; and

  sending a separate email to each address of said plurality of addresses.

3. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 1, further comprising sending a separate email for a group of addresses that have the same delivery notification option configuration.

4. (Original)   The method of claim 1, further comprising sending a separate email to each address of said plurality of addresses.

5. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 1, further comprising selectively applying more than one delivery notification option to one or more, but not all, of said plurality of email addresses.

6. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 1, further comprising saving a configuration of delivery notification option settings that is associated with a first set of addresses.

7. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 6, further comprising matching a second set of addresses with the first set of addresses and automatically setting delivery notification options saved with respect to the first set of addresses.

8. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 1, wherein the delivery notification option is selected from the options of delivery confirmation and return receipt.

9. (Currently Amended)   A method of selectively applying a delivery notification option to addressees in an email, comprising:

    displaying an address book;

    choosing addressees from the address book;

    setting a flag indicating that more than one addressee has been chosen;

    displaying an email delivery notification options selection window if said flag is set;

    maintaining a first list for a first type of delivery notification option and a second list for a second type of delivery notification option;

    selectively applying delivery notification options to each of the addressees;

    moving each of the one or more email addresses with a delivery notification option applied to it into the first list, second list, or both lists corresponding to the selected delivery notification option; and

    sending the email.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, wherein the email delivery notification options selection window permits selective application of at least one of delivery confirmation and return receipt.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, further comprising sending a separate email for a group of addressees that have the same delivery notification option configuration.

12. (Original) The method of claim 9, further comprising sending a separate email to each addressee.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, further comprising saving a configuration of delivery notification option settings that is associated with a first set of addressees.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, further comprising matching a second set of addressees with the first set of addresses and automatically setting delivery notification options saved with respect to the first set of addressees.

15. (Currently Amended)   An email system for providing selective application of delivery notification options to individual addresses in a single email, comprising:

means for listing email addresses;

means for selecting a plurality of said email addresses in the course of composing an email message;

means for maintaining a first list for a first type of delivery notification option and a second list for a second type of delivery notification option;

means for selectively applying the delivery notification option to one or more, but not all, of said plurality of email addresses;

means for moving each of the one or more email addresses with a delivery notification option applied to it into the first list, second list, or both lists corresponding to the selected delivery notification option; and

means for sending the email to said plurality of email addresses.

16. (Original)   The system of claim 15, further comprising means for listing email addresses on a computer screen.

17. (Previously Presented)   The system of claim 15, further comprising means for sending a separate email for a group of addresses that have the same delivery notification option configuration.

18. (Original)   The system of claim 15, further comprising means for sending a separate email to each address of said plurality of addresses.

19. (Previously Presented)   The system of claim 15, further comprising means for selectively applying more than one delivery notification option to one or more, but not all, of said plurality of email addresses.

20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, further comprising means for saving a configuration of delivery notification option settings that is associated with a first set of addresses.

21. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 20, further comprising means for matching a second set of addresses with the first set of addresses and automatically setting delivery notification options saved with respect to the first set of addresses.

22. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, wherein the delivery notification option is selected from delivery confirmation and return receipt.

23. (Currently Amended) A system for selectively applying a delivery notification option to addressees in an email, comprising:

      means for displaying an address book;

      means for choosing addressees from the address book;

      means for setting a flag indicating that more than one addressee has been chosen;

      means for displaying an email delivery notification options selection window if said flag is set;

      means for maintaining a first list for a first type of delivery notification option and a second list for a second type of delivery notification option;

      means for selectively applying delivery notification options to each of the addressees;

      means for moving each of the one or more email addresses with a delivery notification option applied to it into the first list, second list, or both lists corresponding to the selected delivery notification option; and

      means for sending the email.

24. (Previously Presented)   The system of claim 23, wherein the email delivery notification options selection window permits selective application of at least one of delivery confirmation and return receipt.

25. (Previously Presented)   The system of claim 23, further comprising means for sending a separate email for a group of addressees that have the same delivery notification option configuration.

26. (Original)   The system of claim 23, further comprising means for sending a separate email to each addressee.

27. (Previously Presented)   The system of claim 23, further comprising means for saving a configuration of delivery notification option settings that is associated with a first set of addressees.

28. (Previously Presented)   The system of claim 27, further comprising means for matching a second set of addressees with the first set of addresses and automatically setting delivery notification options saved with respect to the first set of addressees.

29. (Currently Amended)   An email system for selectively applying delivery notification options to an email having a plurality of addressees, comprising:

an email client operable to display an address list and to select addressees for an email; and

an email server in communication with the email client and connected to a network;

wherein at least one of the email client and the email server is operable to selectively apply a delivery notification option to one or more, but not all, of the addressees; and

wherein at least one of the email client and the email server is further operable to maintain a first list for a first type of delivery notification option and a second list for a second type of delivery notification option; and to move each of the one or more email addresses with a delivery notification option applied to it into the first list, second list, or both lists corresponding to the selected delivery notification option.

30. (Previously Presented)   The email system of claim 29, wherein one of the email client and email server sends a separate email for a group of addressees that have the same delivery notification option configuration.

31. (Original)   The email system of claim 29, wherein one of the email client and email server generates and sends a separate email to each addressee.

32. (Previously Presented)   The email system of claim 29, wherein one of the email client and email server saves a configuration of delivery notification option settings that is associated with a first set of addressees.

33. (Previously Presented)   The email system of claim 32, wherein one of the email client and email server matches a second set of addressees with the first set of addressees and automatically sets delivery notification options saved with respect to the first set of addressees.

34. (Previously Presented)   The email system of claim 29, wherein the delivery notification options comprise delivery confirmation and return receipt.